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INVENTION: "MAGNETIC HEAD AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

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AMENDMENT "A"

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Dear Sir:

Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.